

### **George Dewitt Auld, Jr.**

George Dewitt Auld, Jr., son of George Dewitt Auld and Lillian McDowell was born on May 29, 1933 in Greenville, SC. He married Pat Vaughn in June 1956. They had 3 daughters. Following a divorce he married Betty Ballentine (Bennett) in June 1970. She had 2 sons. Betty died in 1984 and George married Martha Sue Flanagan (Franklin) in Nov 1984. She had 2 daughters giving George 3 daughters, 2 stepsons and 2 stepdaughters.

George completed high school in Sweetwater, TN in 1951 and graduated from Clemson in Architecture in 1955. He practiced architecture for 30 years in Lenoir, NC, Hickory, NC, and Greenville, SC. He served in the U. S. Army in Zama Japan for two years following college. George worked the latter part of his architectural career with J. E. Sirrine Company in Greenville. Most of his work was commercial, institutional and industrial. He retired in 1984 and has done limited architectural work since then. A sideline business was operation of a family business, Auld Hardware. The business was closed in 1994.

George has ridden motorcycles many miles and for many years. Some of his trips have included Europe, Canada and the western US. He developed some rental property and has kept up and improved two cottages at Mountain Lake Colony in the mountains near Caesar's Head where he spends every summer. Summers involve floating on a raft, taking naps, upkeep on the property, visiting the Pickens flea market, picking blackberries, and inducing flatland tourists to come visit. He does manage to bestir himself to play tennis with his long time, 28-year partner, Joe Lowrance, often treated shamefully in a game. George is a master chef as long as you are talking about pies, cookies, barbecue, and homemade rolls.

George is active in his church, John Knox Presbyterian. He does and has done many craftsman projects that save the church money. He also sings in the choir in the morning service and has sung in the Chancel Choir as well. His passions include having been a constant summer resident in the mountains since 1937, tennis, cooking, restoring old automobiles, and building a street buggy. However his main passion is for his grandchildren, especially when he can entertain them at Mountain Lake Colony.